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<u>In Re Application of</u>	:	September 13, 2004
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<u>Serial No. 09/902,859</u>	:	Examiner: Shelly Chase
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOW DENSITY PARITY CHECK ENCODING OF DATA		

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2004 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Petition for Extension of Time, fee, and the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 7.

Authorization is hereby given to charge **Deposit Account 50-0510** in the amount of \$258.00 for the introduction of three new independent claims in excess of three. The total number of claims is unchanged.

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triangularization method as claimed, and that the Bond teachings relating to the undesirability of small cycles do not teach or suggest the claimed eliminating of 4-cycles from a second matrix generated by the claimed steps (Claims 2, 6, and 10) or the cyclical shifting of rows (formerly Claims 4, 7, and 11, now in Claims 15-17). Accordingly, Applicants believe that a prima facie case of obviousness has not been made by the Examiner, since not all of the claim features are taught or suggested by the cited references.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration of the amended claim language in light of the remarks, withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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